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REPLY

Commissioner for Patents
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December 4, 2002

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed September 4, 2002,
please amend the above application as set forth below.

IN THE CLAIMS

Rewrite claims 1-4 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method of treating perfluorocompound
(PFC) gas comprising the steps of:
decomposing at least one of SF₆ and NF₃ present in the PFC
gas,
washing the gas generated by the decomposition, and
exhausting the washed gas, wherein

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